

REMARKS

A. The Subject Matter Rejection Is Moot

Applicant disagrees with the Office's subject matter rejection of claims 9-16. In the interest of expediting allowance of the remaining claims, however, these claims have been canceled and no new matter has been added.

B. Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

In its statement of reasons for allowance, the Office states that “[t]he distinct features have been added to the independent claims 1 and 17, therefore, rendering them allowable.” Action at p. 4. Claims 1 and 17 have not changed since they were filed. Nothing has been “added” to them.

C. Conclusion

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability of claims 1-8 and 17-18, and requests that the Office issue a Notice of Allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any fees required by this paper from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/BAES:026US/MTG.

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Respectfully submitted,

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